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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Confirmation No.: 5392

Takeki SHIRAI et al.

Art Unit: 3682

Application No.: 10/090,734

Examiner: Hannon, Thomas R.

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

August 23, 2006

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated March 2, 2006, the period for response being extended from June 2, 2006 to September 2, 2006, by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 3.